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Meeting Summary

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SECTION 1

Executive Summary

The minutes list 8 agenda items. 8 were adopted, approved or accepted, 0 were deferred, 0 were withdrawn, and 0 were presentations or other items with no recorded vote. 6 items had at least one no vote.

Major Developments (Section 2) covers 4 items: ITEM A + ITEM B, ITEM D, ITEM F + ITEM G, ITEM H.

The Appendix: All Results lists every one of the 8 items with its subject, sponsor, outcome and vote.

Every vote, mover, seconder and no vote in this summary comes from the Clerk's draft minutes (agenda key 5547). The meeting video is used for context only. MDCW does not take positions on agenda items.

Based on the Clerk's draft minutes. Draft minutes can still change; this summary will be checked against the final minutes when they are posted.

8	0	0	None
Items passed	Items failed	Items deferred or withdrawn	Largest amount approved

SECTION 2

Major Developments

01 ITEM ITEM A + ITEM B · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Countywide General...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT
Passed on first reading	ITEM A 9-4; ITEM B 12-1	ITEM A: Gilbert, Hardemon, McGhee, Gonzalez; ITEM B: Gonzalez	None

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WHAT IT DOES

On first reading at the first budget hearing, ITEM A sets the countywide operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 4.574 mills, which the ordinance says is 5.63 percent above the state-defined rolled-back rate of 4.3301 mills, and ITEM B sets the countywide debt service property tax rate at 0.3937 mills.

WHAT HAPPENED

ITEM A: Adopted on first reading, 9-4, moved by Cohen Higgins and seconded by McGhee; voting no: Gilbert, Hardemon, McGhee, Gonzalez. ITEM B: Adopted on first reading, 12-1, moved by Cohen Higgins and seconded by Bastien; voting no: Gonzalez.

WHY IT MATTERS

These are countywide property tax rates applied to taxable property value.

02 ITEM ITEM D · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Unincorporated...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Passed on first reading	10-3	Gilbert, Milian Orbis, Gonzalez	None	McGhee, Cohen Higgins

WHAT IT DOES

On first reading at the first budget hearing, the ordinance sets the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 1.9090 mills, which it says is 6.16 percent above the state-defined rolled-back rate of 1.7983 mills.

WHY IT MATTERS

It is the property tax rate for the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area.

03 ITEM ITEM F + ITEM G · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Miami-Dade Fire and...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT
Passed on first reading	ITEM F 13-0; ITEM G 13-0	None	None

WHAT IT DOES

On first reading at the first budget hearing, ITEM F sets the Fire and Rescue Service District operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 2.3965 mills, 5.83 percent above the rolled-back rate of 2.2644 mills, and ITEM G sets the Library System operating property tax rate at 0.2812 mills, 5.71 percent above the rolled-back rate of 0.2660 mills. Each district covers the unincorporated area and the municipalities listed in its ordinance.

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WHAT HAPPENED

ITEM F: Adopted on first reading, 13-0, moved by Gonzalez and seconded by Lopez. ITEM G: Adopted on first reading, 13-0, moved by McGhee and seconded by Gonzalez.

WHY IT MATTERS

These are the property tax rates for fire rescue and library services in the districts.

04 ITEM ITEM H · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary Budgets, Special...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Passed on first reading	9-4	Hardemon, Milian Orbis, Rodriguez, Gonzalez	None	Regalado, Lopez

WHAT IT DOES

On first reading at the first budget hearing, the ordinance approves county budgets for fiscal year 2026-27, incorporates the proposed budget as amended, approves fees, charges and the pay plan, and authorizes related actions. The minutes record that the item was bifurcated and adopted on first reading as amended.

WHY IT MATTERS

It covers the county's special assessment district and other budgets.

SECTION 3

Item-by-Item Outcomes

Items with a no vote, an amendment, a deferral or withdrawal, a failed vote, a first reading or a headline.

- **ITEM A** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed on first reading, 9-4; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by McGhee; no: Gilbert, Hardemon, McGhee, Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM B** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed on first reading, 12-1; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by Bastien; no: Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM C** Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Countywide General Fund Budget... Passed on first reading, 10-3; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by McGhee; no: Hardemon, Milian Orbis, Gonzalez.
- **ITEM D** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed on first reading, 10-3; moved by McGhee, seconded by Cohen Higgins; no: Gilbert, Milian Orbis, Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM E** Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Unincorporated Municipal Service... Passed on first reading, 9-4; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by Lopez; no: Hardemon, Milian Orbis, Rodriguez, Gonzalez.
- **ITEM F** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed on first reading, 13-0; moved by Gonzalez, seconded by Lopez. See Major Developments.

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- **ITEM G** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed on first reading, 13-0; moved by McGhee, seconded by Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM H** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary Budgets... Passed on first reading, 9-4; moved by Regalado, seconded by Lopez; no: Hardemon, Milian Orbis, Rodriguez, Gonzalez. See Major Developments.

SECTION 4

Public Comment

No agenda item was named by number during the public comment period of the meeting video.

SECTION 5

Sources and Method

1. Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Official Agenda, First Budget Hearing of September 3, 2026 (agenda key 5547): https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/commagenda.asp?cmbmeetdate=5547&file=true&changes=false&auditor=false
2. Clerk of the Board, minutes of the meeting (draft): https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/SourceCode/searchforpdf.asp?documentKey=5547&documenttype=minutes
3. Miami-Dade TV, archived video of the meeting: https://miamidade.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=9010
4. Miami-Dade County legislative file pages for the items described under Major Developments.

Outcomes, vote counts, movers, seconders, no votes and absences come only from the Clerk's draft minutes. The meeting video was transcribed by machine and used only for context and for the public comment counts; it never sets or changes a vote. Descriptions of what an item does come from the county's legislative file for that item. Where the minutes record no vote, none is shown. Text quoted from county records appears as the county published it; a "" marks a character the county's website lost before publishing the page. Corrections are published at miamidadecommissionwatch.com.

BASED ON THE CLERK'S DRAFT MINUTES

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APPENDIX

Appendix: All Results

ITEM	SUBJECT	SPONSOR	OUTCOME	VOTE
ITEM A	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	9-4
ITEM B	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	12-1
ITEM C	And Adopting the Countywide General Fund...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	10-3
ITEM D	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	10-3
ITEM E	And Adopting the Unincorporated Municipal...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	9-4
ITEM F	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	13-0
ITEM G	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	13-0
ITEM H	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary...	Department item	PASSED ON FIRST READING	9-4

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